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MEMORANDUM

April 21, 2023

To: Members, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic

From: Select Subcommittee Staff

Re: Hearing on “The Consequences of School Closures, Part 2: The President of the American Federation of Teachers, Ms. Randi Weingarten”

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 2:00 PM ET in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office building, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic will hold a hearing titled “The Consequences of School Closures, Part 2: The President of the American Federation of Teachers, Ms. Randi Weingarten.”

I. BACKGROUND:

Beginning in March 2020, schools across the United States were closed in response to COVID-19, with in-person teaching replaced by virtual courses through the end of the school year. Unfortunately, these closures negatively impacted students academically, physically, and mentally. As the pandemic progressed, the evidence supporting reopening schools for in-person instruction only became clearer. Accordingly, many questioned the “science” when on February 12, 2021 the CDC released their Operational Strategy, which effectively allowed schools to remain closed.

II. HEARING PURPOSE:

This hearing will examine any role the American Federation of Teachers and its President, Ms. Randi Weingarten may have played in editing the CDC’s COVID-19 school reopening guidance and keeping schools closed longer than necessary.

III. WITNESSES:

Randi Weingarten
President
American Federation of Teachers